GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LPG AGENCIES/PETROL PUMPS KEROSENE OUTLETS IN CHHATTISGARH AND MADHYA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol, diesel, kerosene and LPG outlets in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh as on March 31, 2003;

(b) the increase in their numbers during the last three financial years; and

(c) the number of proposals lying pending for setting up of new outlets in both the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) As on March 31, 2003, there were 250 retail outlets, 94 LPG distributorships and 98 SKO-LDO dealerships in operation in the State of Chhattisgarh and 882 retail outlets, 420 LPG distributorships and 280 SKO-LDO dealerships in operation in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) During the last three years (i.e., 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003) 17 retail outlets and 19 LPG distributorships were commissioned in the State of Chhattisgarh. No SKO-LDO dealership was commissioned in the State of Chhattishgarh during this period. 87 retail outlets, 94 LPG distributorships and 4 SKO-LDO dealerships were commissioned in the State of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years.

(c) After the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) in the petroleum sector with effect from 1.4.2002, the oil companies are free to choose locations for setting up new retail outlets, LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships subject to economic viability and non-encroachment of the existing dealerships/ distributorships.